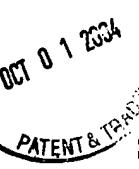


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APPLICANTS : Rouquier *et al.*
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to an Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 1, 2004. A check (#19412) in the amount of \$980.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 19904-008. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

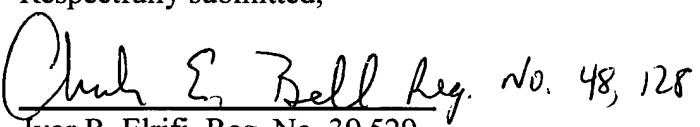
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